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SUBJECT: BOULDER NAME CHECK PROCEDURE

1. DURING SECOND QUARTER 1975 APPROXIMATELY 600 KUWAIT AIR FORCE PERSONNEL TRAVELING IN GROUPS TO UNITED STATES FOR AIR DEFENSE OR AIR FORCE TRAINING. EMBASSY ESTIMATES THAT WITH DEPENDENTS AND SERVANTS GROUP WILL TOTAL OVER 1000. DURING THIS BUSY SEASON, 1000 ADDITIONAL VISAS WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE NUMBER OF NIV'S ISSUED DURING MARCH THRU JUNE PERIOD AND WILL BE A CRUSHING BLOW TO SMALL CONSULAR STAFF.

2. IN VIEW OF ADDED WORKLOAD, AND INASMUCHAS PERSONS INVOLVED ARE KUWAIT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND PRESUMABLY ALMOST ENTIRELY KUWAITI CITIZENS, EMBASSY REQUESTS PERMISSION TO ALTER BOULDER NAME CHECK CABLE FORMATE FOR THESE GROUPS TO SAME AS USED FOR IBEX CREW LIST VISA CABLES, I.E. SHOW NAME AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH ONLY. SHOWING ONLY THIS BASIC IDENTIFYING DATA APPEARS TO GIVE SUFFICIENT IDENTIFYING DATA FOR NAME CHECKS TO BE COMPLETED. IT WOULD ALSO PERMIT CONSULAR STAFF TO BEGIN EARLY PROCESSING OF VISAS BEFORE KUWAITI OFFICIALS HAVE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS PREPARED FOR PRESENTATION, AND THUS WOULD MAKE SOLID CONTRIBUTION TOWARD LESSENING THE GREAT ADDITIONAL BURDEN ON CONSULAR STAFF, AS WELL AS GIVING ADDITIONAL TIME TO STRAIGHTEN OUT ANY PROBLEMS THAT DID OCCUR.

3. FIRST GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTY LEAVING ABOUT 1 MARCH.
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